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APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

AUGUST 17, 1982.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HAWKINS, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 194]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 194) to provide for the appointment of Nancy Hanks as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Senate Joint Resolution 194, introduced by Mr. Goldwater, Mr. Garn, and Mr. Jackson, passed the Senate June 9, 1982, and was referred to the Committee on House Administration on June 14, 1982.

In a meeting of August 4, 1982, the Committee favorably reported S. J. Res. 194 by unanimous voice vote. The Committee noted that similar legislation had been introduced in the House in the form of H.R. 6253, introduced by Mr. Boland, Mr. Conte, and Mr. Mineta.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the joint resolution is to fill the vacancy created on the Smithsonian's Board of Regents by the expiration of the term of James E. Webb of the District of Columbia on June 21, 1982.

The Board of Regents, pursuant to 20 USC 42, 43, and 44, is composed of the Vice President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States, three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, and nine other persons who are not Members of Congress. The nine so-called "citizen regents," who serve statutory six-year terms, are nominated by the Board of Regents and are elected to the Board by passage of a joint resolution of Congress. Of the nine citizen regents, two shall be residents of the District of Columbia and seven shall be inhabitants of some state, no two being from the same state. Service as a Regent is gratuitous, except for necessary traveling and other expenses in attending meetings of the Board

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After considering over two dozen highly qualified candidates from the District of Columbia, the Board of Regents unanimously nominated Miss Nancy Hanks as citizen regent from the District of Columbia.

NOMINEE

Nancy Hanks is a well-known champion of the arts and humanities whose outstanding record of public service spans over thirty years. Miss Hanks is credited with fostering national recognition and support for the arts during her two terms as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (1969–1977). During her tenure, the Endowment's leadership and financial backing resulted in ongoing support of arts-related programs from private sources. Miss Hanks serves on numerous educational, foundation, and corporate boards where she is active in social responsibility and public interest work.

Miss Hanks' proven experience in government, in the arts and humanities, and in the private and corporate sectors should provide an added dimension to the policy and planning arm of the Smithsonian Institution.

COST AND INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Committee on House Administration does not consider that enactment of the joint resolution would entail any new cost to the Government and would have no inflationary impact in the operation of the national economy.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Other than the information contained in this report, there are no committee oversight findings or recommendations pursuant to clause 2(b)(1) of Rule X.

The Committee on Government Operations did not submit a summary of oversight findings and recommendations under clause 4(a)(2) of Rule X.

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